



The Joy Bus is a nonprofit organization whose sole purpose is to relieve the daily struggles of people with cancer by **delivering a fresh and healthy meal** with a **friendly face**. Our mission is to improve the health and lives of our clients through **good food** and **good company**.

More Than a Meal Program

Our More Than a Meal delivery program has grown from a one-woman operation serving just two patients, to a thriving community initiative projected to deliver **2,500 meals per week by 2026** — expanding our reach across the **Phoenix Metropolitan Area**.



Medically Tailored Meals

Our medically tailored meals are high in **protein**, rich in essential **nutrients**, and include **cancer-fighting ingredients**. Designed for individuals undergoing treatment, these meals support **healing and strength** when it's needed most. Research shows that MTMs **reduce** hospitalizations and ER visits, **improve** medication adherence, and **enhance** overall health outcomes.

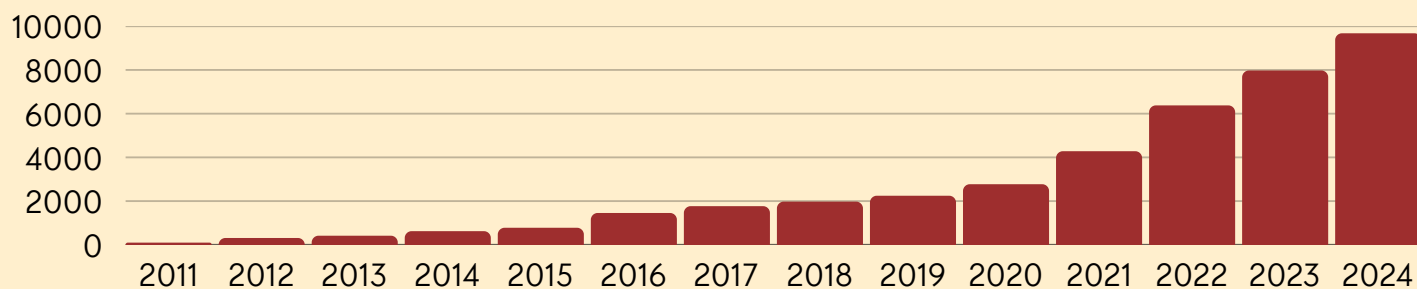


Providing Comprehensive Care

For over a decade, The Joy Bus has delivered much more than meals — our volunteers also provide **vital home visits and wellness checks**, offering **connection** and **care**. Many of these volunteers are cancer survivors themselves, bringing a unique sense of empathy and hope to every doorstep.



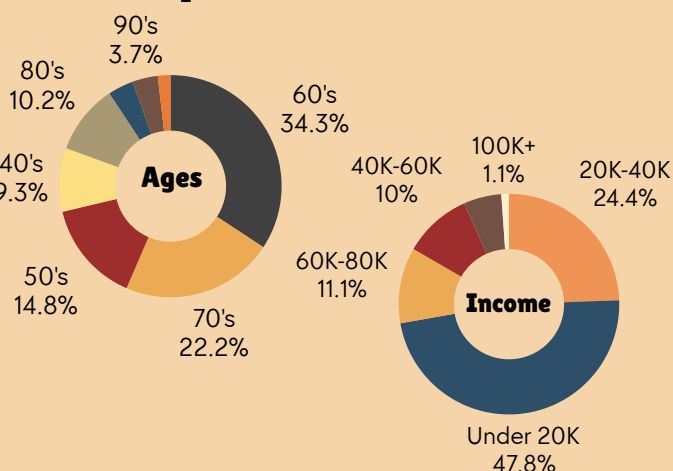
Meals Served and Visits Experienced



Our Delivery Area



Population Served



We ❤️ Our Volunteers!

We are incredibly grateful for our volunteers — the **heart and soul** of The Joy Bus. So far this year, they've contributed over **4,727 volunteer hours**, more than **double** the total from this time last year! We strive to assign the same volunteers to each delivery route to foster **meaningful relationships** and provide **consistent emotional support** throughout a patient's cancer journey. **Patients remain in our program for as long as needed**, with recertification every six months to ensure continued care and connection.

Cancer Facts & Figures

- An estimated **42,000 new cancer diagnoses** expected in Arizona in **2025** (American Cancer Society)
- **1-in-8 people** in Arizona **face food insecurity**, with an increased occurrence amongst cancer patients
- **41%** of cancer patients say the cost of their cancer care has **affected their ability to afford food**
- **32%** have felt they had to **choose between buying food and paying for cancer care** or treatment
- **11%** ultimately **skipped or delayed recommended care** to ensure their household could afford food
- Malnutrition can impact a patient's quality of life, treatment effectiveness, and survival - **1-in-5 cancer patients die from disease related malnutrition**